

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An articulated illumination device comprising:  
a holding sleeve having an internal storage compartment;  
an illumination means insertably received in said storage compartment; and  
attachment means cooperatively carried on said illumination means and said holding sleeve for releasably attaching said illumination means to said holding sleeve.
2. The device defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
said illumination means includes an elongated body having a light source;  
a support body carrying a portion of said releasable attachment means; and  
a universal joint coupling said elongated body with the support body.
3. The device defined in Claim 2 wherein:  
said universal joint includes a ball carried by said elongated body and a socket carried on said support body rotatably mounting said ball therein.

4. The device defined in Claim 3 wherein:

said elongated body includes a shank terminating in securement with said ball holding said ball in fixed spaced-apart relationship with respect to said elongated body; and

said support member having a central longitudinal axis and further having a slot for receiving said shank to permit said illumination means to be deployed normal to said central longitudinal axis.

5. The device defined in Claim 4 wherein:

said attachment means is magnetic with a first element of attraction disposed on said elongated body and a second element of attraction disposed on said support body.

6. An articulated illumination device comprising:

an illumination means having an elongated body terminating at one end with an adjustable light source;

a support body provided with an attachment device for releasably securing said support body to a supporting structure;

a universal connector rotatably joining said elongated body to said support body.

7. The device defined in Claim 6 wherein:

said attachment device employs a magnetic attraction force field.

8. The device defined in Claim 7 wherein:

said supporting structure is a holding sleeve having an internal storage compartment for insertably receiving and storing said illumination means and said support body.

9. The device defined in Claim 8 wherein:

said attachment device includes a magnet fixed on said support body; and

a metal plate fixed on said holding sleeve.

10. The device defined in Claim 9 wherein:

said universal connector includes a ball and socket arrangement permitting said illumination means to be rotatable and deployable normal to a central longitudinal axis of said support body.

11. The device defined in Claim 10 wherein:

said internal storage compartment and said illumination means are conformal in shape and size so as to accommodate storage in said holding sleeve.

12. An articulated illumination device comprising:

an elongated housing having a light source at a first end and a support body at a second end; and

a universal coupling joining said second end of said housing with said support body;

13. The device defined in Claim 12 including:  
an attachment arrangement carried on said support body  
for detachably securing said support body and said elongated housing  
on a supporting structure.

14. The device defined in Claim 13 wherein:  
said attachment arrangement includes at least one  
magnetically attractive element carried on said support body.

15. The device defined in Claim 14 including:  
a key ring attachment arrangement provided on said support  
body; and  
said housing having a pocket clip.

16. The device defined in Claim 13 wherein:  
said attachment arrangement is selected from the group of:  
a. a magnet means.  
b. a resilient clip; or  
c. a suction cup.